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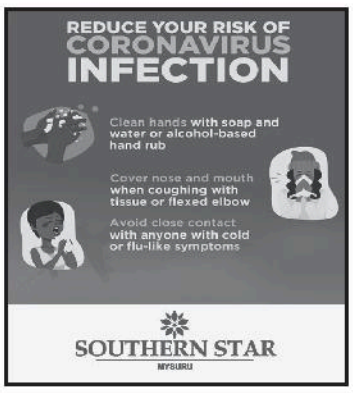
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COVID-19 lockdown brings down Air Pollution in city

Temperature likely to touch 40 degrees in May

HUNGRY MONKEYS LOOK FOR FOOD, WATER: ***Intense summer heat and the lockdown have taken a toll on monkeys living on the steps of Chamundi Hill. Usually they depend on the food, fruits and other eatables offered by devotees. Now with the lockdown, the Chamundi Temple is closed for devotees. This has had a cascading effect on the monkey food. Plus summer heat has made them to frequently quench their thirst from the water that flows from the tank.***

Mysuru, Apr. 15- There is actually a positive side to the lockdown in Mysuru: The air quality has improved vastly after the shutting down of industrial activity and halt in all forms of commuting. All factories, markets, shops, and places of worship are now closed, most public transport suspended and construction work halted, as we are asked to stay home and practice social distancing.

Dr. C. Govindaraju, Professor, Extension Education Centre at Organic Farming and Research Centre at Naganahalli said that since the lockdown was imposed in city, the air quality has shown drastic improvement due to eradication of pollutants generated due to vehicular traffic, industrial smoke and construction activities. The lockdown has also reduced the consumption of diesel and petrol.

(See LOCKDOWN on page 6)

Ten more positive cases in Mysuru

Highest in a single day

Mysuru, Apr. 15- In a steep spike in COVID-19 positive cases in Mysuru, 10 more cases have been reported today. With today's increase, the cumulative positive cases in Mysuru have gone up to 58. Among these, 12 persons have been discharged.

According to a media bulletin released by Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Karnataka on Wednesday noon, the total number of positive cases in Karnataka have touched 277 with 11 deaths and 75 discharges.

In Karnataka since yesterday, there has been an increase of 17 cases and Mysuru has contributed 10 cases.

In Mysuru, nine of today's cases are from Nanjangud-based Jubilant Generics and the tenth one is a person who was suffering from SARI (Severe Acute Respiratory Infection). All of them have been admitted to the designated COVID-19 Hospital on KRS Road.

P-264, a 41-year-old male, P-265, a 30-year-old male, P-266, a 27-year-old male, P-267, a 35-year-old male, P-268, a 26-year-old male, P-269, a 23-year-old male, P-270, a 35-year-old male, P-271, a 28-year-old male and P-272, a 32-year-old male. All these positive patients are the employees of Jubilant Generics. P-273 is a 72-year-old male who has a history of SARI.

In Karnataka, there has been 11 deaths so far and the latest patient to die is 65-year-old P-250, a male patient and a resident of Chikkaballapura. He was referred from a private hospital, Bengaluru Urban to COVID-19 Designated Hospital, on late evening on Apr. 13, with complaint of H1N1 positive, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease with obstructive sleep apnea and past history of uncontrolled diabetes mellitus, hypertension. He died on the early morning of Apr. 15.

Lockdown till May 3: City Police tighten rules, ban traffic

Seized vehicles to be returned only after May 3

Mysuru, Apr. 15- Following the extension of the lockdown till May 3, the City Police are tightening the rules, especially unnecessary movement of people and vehicles to prevent the spread of Coronavirus.

As soon as Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the extension of the lockdown till May 3 during his message to the nation at 10 am yesterday, Director General and Inspector General of Police (DG&IGP) Praveen Sood instructed all Superintendent of Police (SPs) and Police Commissioners to tighten the rules.

The Prime Minister in his message to the nation had said that social distancing and staying indoors is the only way to escape from the jaws of death of Coronavirus and also to prevent the virus from spreading, the City Police are taking strict measures against unnecessary movement of people and vehicles.

Traffic ACP S. Sandesh Kumar along with the concerned Sub-Division Assistant Commissioners of Police (ACPs) took to the streets and barricaded all small roads besides deploying Police personnel to prevent the movement of vehicles.

Except doctors, nurses, para-medical staff, goods vehicles transporting essential commodities, medicines, fruits and vegetables and milk, the Police are stopping other vehicles and sending them back. Some vehicles are being seized for repeat violations and they will be returned to owners only after May 3, said Police.

A few Police personnel deployed near barricades installed at a few circles were pleading with people with folded hands by saying "Do not put your family in trouble, please go back home and stay indoors.

Deputy Commissioner of Police Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda, for the second day today, conducted inspection in Narasimharaja and Devaraja Police limits and guided the Inspectors.

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya

Hunger hero feeds poor and hungry in Mysuru amid lockdown

BJP leaders Kautilya Raghu, H.V. Rajeev, Mysuru District Minister S.T. Somashekar, MLA L. Nagendra and others look at food being prepared by Rajeev's team at Chamundipuram kitchen this morning.

H.V. Rajeev, Minister Somashekar, MLA L. Nagendra and Kautilya Raghu discussing a point at the kitchen.

Mysuru, Apr. 15- Times of crisis, it is said, brings out the best in us. As we go through the world's biggest lock down, every day people are turning into real life heroes. Heroes who are ensuring that thousands of poor, migrant labourers get food.

In Mysuru, H.V. Rajeev, a BJP leader, along with Mysuru City Corporation, is feeding over 6,000 hungry people everyday. While many volunteers are distributing food only at regular intervals, Rajeev has been doing this task every day ever since the lockdown was imposed. And he has vowed to continue his social service till the lockdown ends.

His kind gesture has inspired many in his own party circles and has drawn the attention of the higher echelons of the party. Today, Mysuru District Minister S.T. Somashekar visited the kitchen where Rajeev's team prepares food and was impressed by the service. Food is distributed in the afternoon and night to over 6,000 hungry souls every day.

Under the banner of H.V. Rajeev Sneha Balaga, he and his team of volunteers cook and prepare food packets to feed people. Volunteers bring their own vehicles and distribute the food packets to the needy.

A huge kitchen has been set up at Chamundipuram near Shankaranarayana Temple and the cooking is done by a team led by Srinivasa Rao, Kannan and Yaduraj. The cooks too are lending the service free of cost without charging a single rupee. Items like rice bath, vangi bath, chitranna, tomato bath, Pongal and fried rice are being prepared every day and distributed.

Following strict lockdown and hygiene norms, the kitchen is well maintained and clean. Efficient waste disposal mechanism too has been devised. Over 350 bags of rice, 300 kg onion, 40 tin cooking oil and loads of vegetables have been stockpiled.

The Mysuru City Corporation has opened rehabilitation centre for homeless people in various localities of Mysuru since Mar. 23 and food is being supplied by Rajeev and team. "We have been doing this service since the last 21 days and are feeding 6,000 people. If MCC requires, we are ready to cook for 3,000 more people," said H.V. Rajeev.

During his visit to kitchen at Chamundipuram, Minister Somashekar was accompanied by MLA Nagendra, Corporator M.V. Ramprasad, BJP City President Srivatsa, BJP leader Kautilya Raghu, former chairman of Karnataka Exhibition Authority B.P. Manjunath, former Mayor Sandesh Swamy, youth leader Vikram Iyengar and other leaders.

J.K. Tyre distributes groceries under CSR initiative

Jayasimha and team from Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) received the groceries packets from Vikram Hebbar, GM- HR & IR, in the presence of K.P. Maneesh, K.S. Srinath and Nagaraja of J.K. Tyre & Industries Ltd. (VTP).

Mysuru, Apr. 15- The entire world is facing the crisis of COVID-19 pandemic from past few months and various measures have been taken by the Central and State Governments across the country.

In view of this, J.K. Tyre & Industries Ltd., Vikrant Tyre Plant (VTP), under the guidance of V. Eswara Rao (Vice-President - Works), has come forward to support the to support the Local Administration of Mysuru district by providing packed groceries (10kg per pack) to the needy people under its CSR initiative.

J.K. Tyre has also contributed Rs. 10 crore towards PM CARES (Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations) Fund. Apart from J.K. Tyre, J.K. Organisation is also supporting the communities across the country by providing food packets, sanitisers, face masks and ventilators to the State Government of the various States.

J.K. Tyre has not only supported for this COVID-19, but also during the natural disaster which occurred in South India especially in Coorg during the year 2019.

Actor, producer Shruti Naidu reaches out to tribals

Mysuru, Apr. 15- Tribals who live on the edge of forests away from cities and towns and other human habitations are among the worst sufferers in this Corona pandemic. They have been completely forgotten.

Around 500 families of tribals in Doranakatte, Kottanahalli and Chilakahalli haadis (tribal hamlets) in Nanjangud are completely cut off from the outside world. Since they no longer depend on forest produce, all the needs of these people come from outside.

Unfortunately for them, the largest cluster of Coronavirus positive patients is detected in Nanjangud and the town has been completely isolated. With no one to reach out to the tribal people, actor and producer Shruti Naidu took extreme risk to help them. Last Monday, 150 families of the tribals were provided with dry rations that would help them tide over the crisis for one month.

Shruti Naidu has been involved in protecting wildlife through her Save Wildlife Campaign initiative for some years now. She had visited some of these tribal haadis too.

"I have visited these haadis earlier. The reason was different then. Now it is only our duty to help them when they need help. On April 1, there was a newspaper report on how the tribals in these haadis were struggling to survive. It took me a couple of days to arrange these rations. I am doing the best I can. There are more tribals here who need help. I request the authorities and volunteers to help them. I can provide details to anyone who wants to help them," she said adding that 350 more tribal families need rations.

VOICE OF THE READER

This stray horse needs medical attention

Sir,

At a time when cleanliness is of utmost importance, there is a stray horse spotted near our house (No. 905, 4th Main, 28th Cross, Vidyaranyapuram). I too have sympathy towards animals but this horse needs immediate medical assistance. Its skin has multiple rashes and it keeps scratching it. Hope the authorities concerned will do the needful at the earliest.

— **Venkatesh**
Vidyaranyapuram 10.4 2020

Namesake disinfecting against Coronavirus in Vijayanagar!

Sir,

This is to bring to the notice of the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner and the Mysuru Deputy Commissioner, who are leaving no stone unturned to combat the spread of the deadly Coronavirus, that the people who are appointed and in-charge to disinfect all the residential areas are not actually doing it properly.

In Vijayanagar 4th Stage, they have thrown a handful of DDT powder in each house entrance. How is it that throwing a handful of DDT will help in disinfecting areas? Will the higher authorities instruct the people concerned to do their duty in a proper manner? Otherwise it will be a futile exercise sans any fruitful results.

— **Tapaswini**
Vijayanagar 4th Stage
10.4.2020

NECC to provide eggs to Mysuru civic workers to boost immunity

Mysuru, Apr. 15- National Egg Co-ordination Committee (NECC), Mysore Zone, which had decided to provide eggs to the civic workers of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and all local bodies to boost the immunity of civic workers, today provided 11,000 eggs to the MCC to be distributed to the civic workers.

Eggs are being given to the civic workers as they are the ones who are exposed to various infections and diseases while cleaning to keep the people healthy.

As they are exposed to various unhygienic conditions, there are chances of these civic workers contracting various kinds of infections and diseases. Eggs are being provided to themto boost their immunity system to help fight back infections.

NECC Mysuru Zonal Chairman M.C. Satish Babu and other office-bearers handed over the eggs to the MCC which was distributed to civic workers at a programme launched by District Minister S.T. Somashekar near the Office of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) this morning.

The NECC will be collecting eggs from poultry farm owners, who are the members of NECC and would be handing over 11,000 eggs daily till May 3 to MCC. The MCC will then distribute two eggs per civic worker daily till the lockdown ends.

MLAs S.A. Ramdas and L. Nagendra, MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde, Additional Commissioner N.M. Shashikumar, Health Officer Dr. Jayanth and others were present on the occasion.

Nirvana Yoga Shala distributes masks to Policemen

Nirvana Yoga Shala, Founded by Shashi Kumar, has distributed 1,000 N-95 masks to Police personnel on duty.

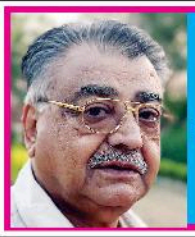
District Administration, MCC launch ASARE Helpline

Mysuru, Apr. 15- In a bid to provide essential commodities to BPL card holders, who have not received grocery and to provide any help, the District Administration and the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) today launched two helpline numbers (Mob: 94498-41196 and Ph: 0821-2440890) to help BPL Card holders.

The posters regarding the launch were released by District Minister S.T. Somashekar along with MLA S.A. Ramdas, MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde and others near the Office of the Deputy Commissioner (DC).

Any BPL Card holder, who has not received groceries or in need of any help should type 'Hi' and send the message through WhatsApp to Mob: 94498-41196 and the Helpline personnel would call the mobile phone number from which the message was sent and collect the information.

Also, BPL Card holders can call the landline number 0821-2440890 and provide their information and the officials concerned, who are assigned to provide help, would do the needful.MLA S.A. Ramdas, MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde and others were present.



Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Remembering Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj – 14

Shivaji introduces Administration and Tax Reforms

[Continued from Apr. 12]

Shivaji on his return to Raigad from the prison of Aurangzeb in Agra took over the administration of the Government from his mother and the Ministers. Officially, there appeared a sort of peace between Mughal Emperor and Raja Shivaji even though the agreement was broken by the Emperor by his imprisonment and attempted murder. All things considered, neither Shivaji nor Aurangzeb desired war.

In the meanwhile, Aurangzeb after dismissing Raja Jai Singh appointed another great Rajput King Maharaja of Jodhpur by name Jaswanth Singh. It was curious, Aurangzeb, who suspected a Hindu Raja Jai Singh and his son Ram Singh of being sympathetic to a fellow Hindu Warrior King Shivaji, should have appointed another Hindu to command the army of the South. The reason for this was said to be Aurangzeb's suspicion of all his Muslim Generals with their ambitions. Therefore, Aurangzeb relied, in spite of him being a bigot and a Muslim fanatic, on Hindu Generals.

However, according to historians, Aurangzeb made fatal mistake of a divided command by making his son, the pleasure-loving Prince Mauzzam, the Viceroy of the South incharge of the civil administration while Jaswanth Singh was made the Commander of the armed forces. With these two appointments, Aurangzeb hoped that each would spy on the other and thus he would get information about the doings of both. In short, Aurangzeb wanted his two top officials in the South to spy on each other.

Unfortunately, for Aurangzeb, Jaswanth Singh was a smooth operator with a gift of the gab. He flattered the Prince by supplying polo ponies and organising wrestling bouts to keep him entertained. The result was the Prince allowed Jaswanth Singh to take over the administration also apart from the army. There was no military activity by the Mughals with Shivaji for over a year and finally in February 1668, a Treaty was drawn up with very different terms and conditions from those accepted by Shivaji when he surrendered to Raja Jai Singh.

Surprisingly, under the new Treaty with Jaswanth Singh, most of the 27 Forts occupied by the Mughal troops in accordance with the earlier Treaty were returned to Shivaji. Only two Forts namely Purandar and Sinhagad, the Lion Fort, were retained by the Mughal Emperor.

Soon after this, Shivaji wrote a letter to Aurangzeb who replied saying that he dignified him with title of Raja and hoped Shivaji would show greater capacity to work for the Emperor. Apparently, it was an unpleasant exercise to Aurangzeb in the art of face-saving. Following this development, the Bijapur Sultan too surrendered to Shivaji paying tributes. For two years thereafter, Shivaji remained at peace with his two Muslim neighbours, Mughals and Bijapur Sultans. The English and other European merchants at Surat were very happy about these years of peace among the Kings and Sultans. Shivaji on his part engaged himself in organising the administration of his kingdom. He introduced new system of tax, giving special concession to the farmers whose lands and properties were devastated by the Mughal invaders.

He put in place a just and equal land tenure and also centralised the administration of justice taking it away from the erratic feudal system. As a result, Shivaji's Maratha country recovered from the losses of the wars. Shivaji introduced a sensible and just system of taxation. It is quite interesting to read the details of the manner in which Shivaji levied land tax to farmers. I guess today's experts who levy agricultural taxes would be wiser if they read the details of what Shivaji did in this regard in the 17th century.

It is significant to realise that the revenue system of Shivaji was the basis of the agricultural administration in the British India. There was no tax terrorism as seen in today's India!

Under Shivaji, the State was administered by a council of eight Ministers. Probably, Shivaji had not heard of Navaratnas in the Court of Emperor Ashoka the Great! If only he had added one more Councillor, there would have been Navaratnas in the Court of Emperor Shivaji the Great also!!

Be that as it may, among the Councillors was also a Chief Justice to dispense justice. Interestingly, all his Councillors were Brahmins with the exception of the War Minister, who was a Maratha. Who says caste system those days was not based on *dharma* — the work one does?!

When everything seemed going well for Shivaji and the Mughal representatives in the South, Prince Mauzzam and Jaswanth Singh, the new Commander, Aurangzeb was suspicious of his own son who he thought would adopt his own method of ascending the throne. We know how Aurangzeb killed his brothers and imprisoned his father Shah Jahan and occupied the Mughal throne. Aurangzeb suspected some secret triple alliance, call it a conspiracy between his son Prince Muazzam, the new Mughal Commander Jaswanth Singh and Shivaji to overthrow him. Therefore, he sent a secret letter to his son Prince Muazzam to entice Shivaji to his Palace, arrest him and send him to Delhi where Aurangzeb was in residence. There would be no escape this time for Shivaji, Aurangzeb thought.

However, when the messenger from the Emperor arrived, his son Muazzam, who already knew about the letter through his own spies in Delhi, made a show of obeying his father's instructions, knowing that Shivaji was already informed of the plot for his capture.

[To be continued]

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Retail trade at Mysuru APMC market stopped to avoid crowds

Mysuru, Apr. 15- With traders and customers failing to follow social distancing at APMC yard on Nanjangud Road, which is crucial for the prevention of the spread of the deadly Corona virus, the APMC administrative body has ordered suspension of retail trading in the market till May 3, when the lockdown is scheduled to end.

The APMC Secretary in an order, said that the APMC was forced to issue the order as social distancing was given a go by, by customers visiting the market, whose number was increasing by the day, despite strict lockdown regulations in place.

Noting that the order prohibits retail trade in the APMC market yard, the order cautioned that action will be taken against those licensed traders, especially those having shops in A-1 Block of the market, who continue to do retail trading, despite the bar on retail trading.

Pointing out that despite several pleas to the traders and customers for maintaining social distancing in the market premises as per the guidelines issued by the State and Central governments for tackling COVID-19, the order said that the ban on retail trade had to be imposed as many people continued to flock the market thus creating a crowd in the market premises, in blatant violation of lockdown regulations.

Also, the flocking of buyers who come in vehicles, posed a serious threat for maintaining social distancing, which is crucial for battling COVID-19.In this backdrop, the APMC Governing body is forced to enforce a complete ban on retail trading as a measure to stop crowding of the market, the secretary said.

Cold storage soon

The State Government has given administrative approval for construction of a cold storage at APMC Yard.District Minister S.T. Somashekar confirmed this on Tuesday, following which the Director of Agricultural Marketing Department has written a letter to the APMC Secretary to immediately start the works in this regard. The Government has given administrative approval for the construction of a cold storage on PPP model (Public-Private Participation).

The administrative approval comes just a couple of days after the Minister Somashekar visited the APMC Market on Saturday, when many farmers and traders had brought to the notice of the Minister the urgent need for a cold storage in the APMC.

In this week's Pet Talk, Maneka explains how to leash train a cat and about first aid for a dog injured in accident

Pet Talk

Maneka Gandhi

Can I vaccinate a pregnant animal?

Vaccinations should not be given to pregnant animals, but most vaccinations are safe for nursing animals.

What should be the first aid medication for a dog injured in an accident?

Prevention is better than cure. Even a well-behaved dog should be kept on a leash anywhere near traffic, including slow moving vehicles. Do not have the collar so loose that the dog can get free.

If the worst happens, beware of other cars. Talk gently to the dog as you approach. Move slowly and avoid making sudden movements. Put a leash on if possible and, if necessary, muzzle before handling. If your dog can walk, go to the vet, even if there appears to be no pain. There may be internal injuries that are not immediately obvious.

If the dog cannot walk, small dogs can be picked up by placing one hand at the front of the chest and the other under the hindquarters. Improvise a stretcher for larger dogs with a coat or a blanket. If the dog is paralysed, there may be a spinal injury, so try to find something rigid, such as a board. Slide the patient gently on to this if possible. Cover with a blanket to reduce heat loss.

How did street dogs originate in India?

Dogs originated much before streets. India has long been home to the Pariah Dog, one of the world's oldest canine breeds and so named because it was a guard dog — the word comes from the Tamil word for Drummer. The Pariah Dog has existed for over 14,000 years all over Asia and North Africa and had sub breed names. Most rural families owned them. When the British came to India, they made it a point that any Indian dog was unacceptable and only foreign dogs could be considered as house worthy. So, people stopped adopting them. As villages and rural areas turned into cities, these dogs became street dogs. As explained earlier, they survive by eating garbage and are also kept as pets by slum-dwellers. The street dog population is regularly increased by callous owners who abandon their pets on the street. Many irresponsible foreign breed owners also allow their pets to mate with street dogs, producing a large population of mix-breeds.

How important are animals for a human's mental stability?

The companionship that a pet offers is a great way to reduce anxiety and stress. A pet can be a great source of comfort, companionship and motivation for their owners. In many ways, pets can help us to live mentally healthier lives. Pets are also a great motivator for people. Dogs especially are great at encouraging owners to get exercise, and this can be beneficial for those suffering from depression.

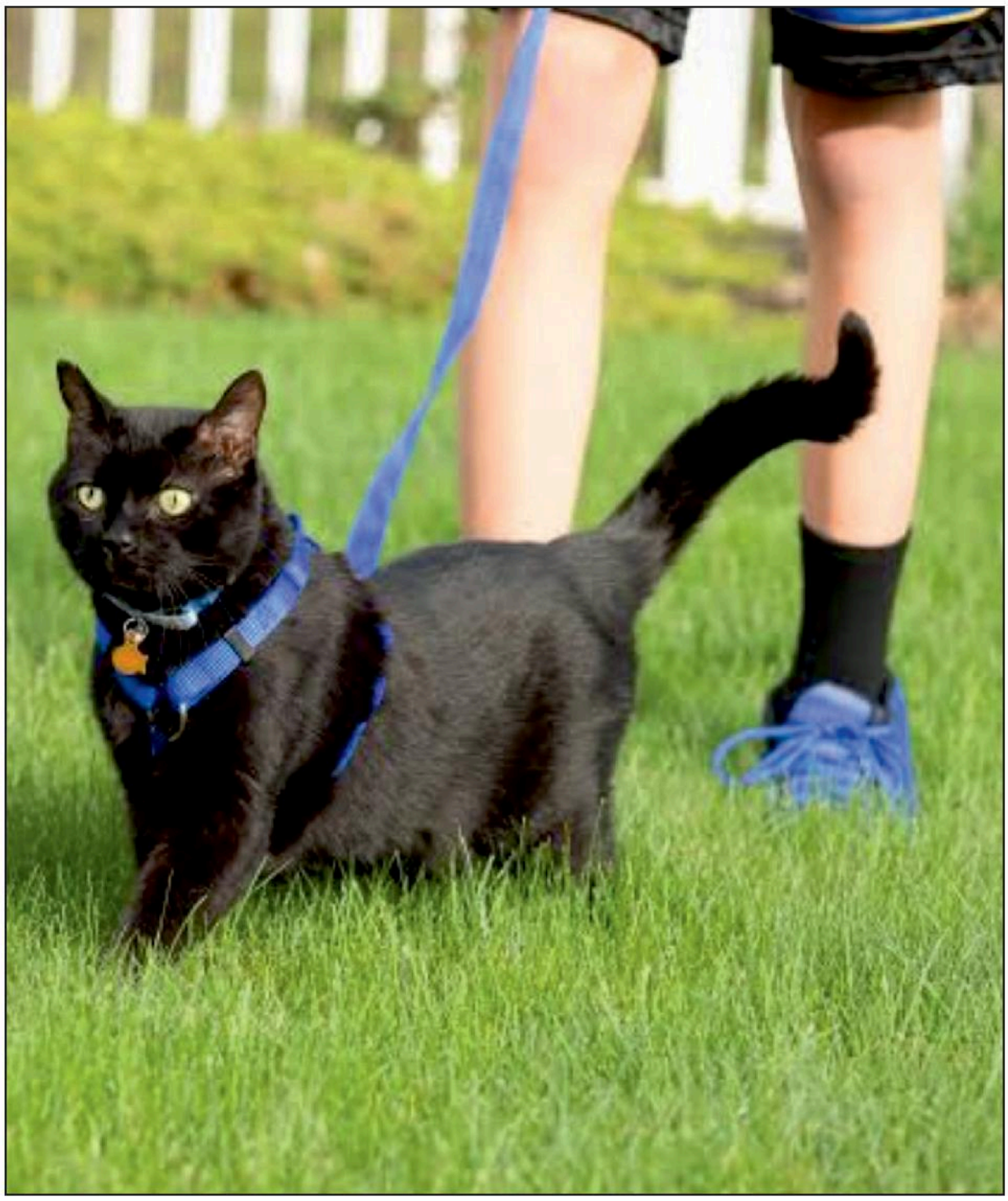
Pets can also have calming effects on their owner. Just by stroking, sitting next to or playing with a pet can give the owners a chance to relax and calm their minds. Caring for a pet also gives your day a purpose and reward, and a sense of achievement. It also helps you feel valued and needed.

Sensory issues are common among children with autism. Sensory integration activities are designed to help them get used to the way something feels against their skin or how it smells or sounds. Dogs and horses have both been used for this purpose. Children with autism often find it calming to work with animals.

Children with ADHD (Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder) are used to their parents trying to calm them down or reprimanding them. A pet is a great listener and offers unconditional love and will not criticise a child for having too much energy. This can aid a child's self-confidence.

If one eats meat should they be considered to be against animal rights?

Personally, I do not believe that someone who eats animals can be much of an animal activist. But there are thousands of people who are particularly active about specific issues. For instance, meat-eaters stepped up to stop fox hunting in England and the fur trade. Or to stop dissection in schools or the export/ import of pate de foie gras or caviare. So yes, there is a place for all in the war to stop animal abuse. It's just that the maximum number of animals that need to be saved are the ones in the meat industry and as long as you eat them, how do you campaign to save them?



Can you leash train your cat?

Yes, it is possible to leash train your cat. It is a great way to get your cat to safely enjoy the sights and sounds of the world beyond the house. It is also a good way to exercise your cat. Firstly, buy a good harness and leash for your cat. Make sure it's not too tight and there should be two finger space between the harness and the cat. Start by just having him or her get used to the harness. Let the cat sniff it, present it as a gift then gently put it on. New noises can be alarming to some cats, so practice snapping the harness together or undoing the velcro to get your cat accustomed to the new sounds. Now that your cat is aware of the harness, slip it on him, but don't fasten it. Provide more treats as a distraction and to help your cat associate the harness with a positive experience. If it seems comfortable in it, leave it on a bit longer, but if he gets upset, provide a food distraction and slip the harness off. It's completely normal for cats to freeze up, refuse to walk or walk very strangely the first few times they're wearing a harness. Your cat has likely never experienced the sensation of something on his back before, so it's going to take some time to adjust to it. When your cat is comfortable with the feel of the leash, practice following him around your home, keeping the leash loose in your hand. Continue to provide plenty of treats and praise throughout this process. Once you've both had some practice with this, it's time to try gently guiding the cat.

Apply a little pressure on the leash and let the cat come towards you. When he does, reward him with a treat. After some time, you can start taking the cat outside. Initially, your cat might be on high alert, so be patient and let the cat observe his environment. You may find that soon it will become comfortable being outside and will come to love being outside with you. Avoid taking him for long walks or in areas where there are dogs.

To join the animal welfare movement contact
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www.peopleforanimalsindia.org

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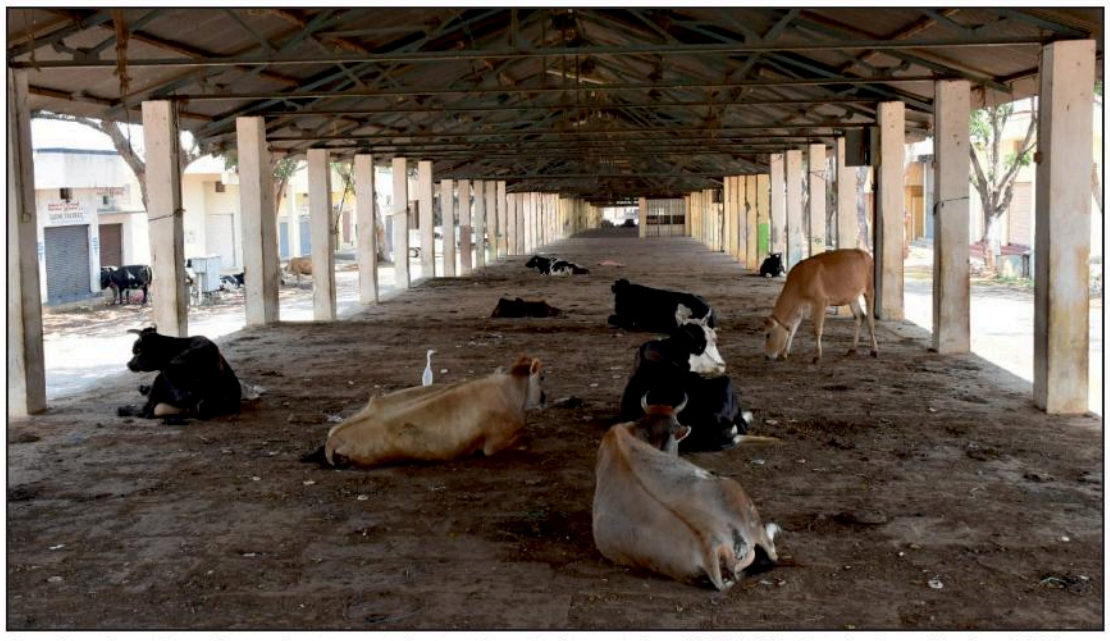
COVID-19 lockdown brings down Air Pollution in city



Searing heat has forced stray cattle to take shelter at the APMC Market in Bandipalya. With no human activity thanks to an invisible micro-organism called Coronavirus, the cows have a shady place to sit. Availability of fodder is, however, a matter of concern.

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Sunshine hours increased to 10 hours: Dr. Govindaraju further said that sunshine hours in city which was 6 to 7 hours earlier is now increased to 10 hours due summer. Sunshine duration or sunshine hours is a climatological indicator, measuring the duration of sunshine in given period (usually, a day or a year) for a given location on Earth, typically expressed as an averaged value over several years. It is a general indicator of cloudiness of a location and thus differs from insolation, which measures the total energy delivered by sunlight over a given period.

Continuing, he said that Mysuru which usually records 32, 33 and 34 degrees Celsius in April and May had reached 40 degrees Celsius in 2015-16 after a gap of 40 years and added that the temperature recorded in city on Apr. 14 was 37 degrees Celsius. He added that the temperature is likely to reach 40 degree Celsius in May.

Due to increase in sunshine hours, the months of April and May are now called hot summer months, he said.

Increase in summer rain or flower rain: Stating that summer rain or flower rain, which helps coffee flowers to bloom in Kodagu, Chikkamagalur and other places has increased by 10 per cent, Dr. Govindaraju said that as Mysuru comes under south dry region, there is no or less flower rains.

Hot Air: Pointing out that hot air in city was due to the evaporation of mist, he said that during morning hours, sunshine evaporates the mist, which turns into vapours in the atmosphere and the vapours cool down in the evening and again settles down on the ground. Due to evaporation of mist and vapours in atmosphere, it is hotter in afternoons. Dr. Govindaraju has urged the people to stay indoors due to heat and added that due to drastic decrease in air pollution, there are chances on more rainfall this time.

Livestock owners cautioned: Stating that Foot and Mouth Disease can infect livestock, he has urged the owners to get their livestock vaccinated as a preventive measure against the disease.Dr. Govindaraju said that it is the right time for farmers in H.D. Kote, Hunsur and Periyapatna side to grow tobacco while farmers in Mysuru side could grow oil seeds.

THE FLOWER AND THE SQUIRREL: ***A squirrel has come out of its hideout on a giant tree to bask under the sun near Deputy Commissioner's Office behind the Cosmopolitan Club. It is seen relaxing on a fence with a bunch of bougainvillea flower in the background.***

District Minister calls on Pramoda Devi Wadiyar

After being appointed as the Mysuru District In-charge Minister a few days ago, Minister S.T. Somashekar called on Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, member of the erstwhile royal family at Mysore Palace this morning and held a brief interaction with her. Picture shows District Minister Somashekar presenting fruits tray to Pramoda Devi Wadiyar as City BJP President Srivatsa, Rural BJP Unit President S.D. Mahendra and Mysore Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya look on.

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COVID-19 UPDATE

MYSURU

Persons observed till date	:	3,635
Persons isolated in home for 14 days	:	1,564
Persons isolated in hospital	:	46
Persons completed 14-day isolation	:	2,025
Total samples tested	:	1,310
Samples found negative	:	1,252
Total active positive cases	:	58
Persons cured / discharged	:	12
Death toll so far in Mysuru	:	0

KARNATAKA & INDIA

Total positive cases in Karnataka	:	277
Death toll so far in Karnataka	:	11
Total positive cases in India	:	9,756
Death toll so far in India	:	377

(NOTE: FIGURES TILL 2 PM)

COVID-19 District Emergency Control Room

The Mysuru District Emergency Control Room for COVID-19 (Coronavirus) is functional 24x7 and has a team of operators and medical professionals who are working in shifts. All related queries will be handled professionally and necessary guidance will be provided to all callers, according to Mysuru DC.

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